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Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	10/014,992
Filing Date	December 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Takeaki Shimanouchi
Art Unit	2834
Examiner Name	Tamai, Karl I.
Attorney Docket Number	2500.66054

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
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- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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- b. ☐ Other _____

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- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17.
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed
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Signature	<i>Joseph P. Fox</i>	Date	7/29/04

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Applicant: Shimanouchi

Serial No.: 10/014,992

Conf. No.: 3379

Filed: December 11, 2001

For: ELECTROSTATIC ACTUATOR INCLUDING
STABLE ELECTRODE COLUMN AND WALL

Art Unit: 2834

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	13	20	0	x \$18.00	= \$.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x \$86.00	= \$.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$290.00	= \$.00
Total Additional Fee					\$.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$.00

(X) Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (RCE) (in duplicate), with a check for \$770.00.

(X) Amendment B.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows: